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State Historical Records Advisory Board announces re-grant opportunity

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (SD SHRAB) is offering a re-grant opportunity to local groups interested in preserving history.

With grant funds from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives and Records Administration, the SD SHRAB will be able to disseminate \$3,000 in funds to local repositories, organizations, and historical societies, in order to encourage and support identification and preservation of historical records and training for the staff that care for those records.

“The SD SHRAB advocates for the preservation of historical records, educates the public and records caretakers about the importance of the historical records, and leads the historical community in preserving, promoting and providing access to the state’s documentary heritage,” said Chelle Somsen, SD SHRAB chair and state archivist for the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The purpose of the re-grant program is to address priorities identified in the SD SHRAB strategic plan, Somsen said. Priorities identified include increased access to archival collections; increased opportunities for education, training, and development in archives and collection management; identification of important historical records that are at risk; and increased funding for South Dakota’s historical records.

The deadline for application submission is April 30. For information on the guidelines for the grant and the application please see <http://history.sd.gov/Archives/SHRAB/shrabactivity.aspx> or call Somsen at (605) 773-3804.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.